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ABRAHAM LINCOLN, OUR SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT.

What the President said.

*The Quotation that follows is from PRESIDENT
ROOSEVELT'S "FIRESIDE CHAT" of December 29, 1940*

"This nation is making a great effort to produce everything that is necessary in this emergency — and with all possible speed. And this great effort requires great sacrifice.

I would ask no one to defend a democracy which in turn would not defend every one in the nation against want and privation. The strength of this nation shall not be diluted by the failure of the government to protect the economic well-being of its citizens.

If our capacity to produce is limited by machines, it must ever be remembered that these machines are operated by the skill and the stamina of the workers. As the Government is determined to protect the rights of the workers, so the nation has a right to expect that the men who man the machines will discharge their full responsibilities to the urgent needs of defense.

The worker possesses the same human dignity and is entitled to the same security of position as the engineer or the manager or the owner. For the workers provide the

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Sgt. Louis A. LaCroix, Battery I, 240th C. A. at Fort Williams in Portland. He is a nephew of Mrs. Juliette Leoard, winder tender on the third shift at Biddeford.

NEW B-C UNIT INSTALLED AT FALL RIVER

A new Barber-Colman spooler and Warper unit has been installed at the Fall River plant. This is very similar to the one installed a year ago at Biddeford excepting that the Spooler has 306 spindles, 36 more than the machine in the Maine mill. The high speed warper is just the same. The unit is installed in the cotton division.

This unit will increase the production of this department as well as the Slashing and Weaving processes and at the same time, make better quality cloth. A similar unit is to be added to the Biddeford plant.

FOREMAN'S CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

The first Foreman's Club meeting of the year at Biddeford, was conducted by the newly elected President, William Sweetser, on January 11th. After routine business had been dispensed with, members voted to send a sunshine basket and a local daily paper to Second Hand Arthur Lapoint, who is confined to a clinic in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The meeting took the form of a little surprise party with five of the members receiving gifts as door prizes. President Sweetser plans on having varied programs throughout the year.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of singing and dancing numbers by Miss Aurice Goulette, the Martel Sisters and Sunny Daley. All are pupils of Mrs. Arthur Verner, wife of Second Hand Verner on the third shift Winding Department.

The speaker was George O'Neil, Manager of Edward T. Robertson and Son, Boston Cotton Brokers.

WILLIAM WHITEHEAD PROMOTED TO NIGHT SUPT.

William Whitehead who for the past ten years has been Stock Clerk at the Fall River Mill has recently been promoted to Night Superintendent. He has assumed the duties formerly performed by James Mann who recently retired.

Billy, with his friendly disposition and cooperative spirit has made a host of friends during his decade of service with Pepperell. The entire Pepperell family wishes the best of success in his new position.

THE FRONT COVER

Rossine Belanger has done an excellent job in the typograph of Abraham Lincoln that is on the front cover this month. Don't forget that February 12th is his birthday and at the present time with so much interest in good government, it is well to recall the principles of Abraham Lincoln.

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO
BIDDEFORD PLANT**

Electric Clippers for Sewing Machines

Ten, detachable blade, electric clippers have been installed on some of the Overedge stitching machines in the Blanket Cloth Room. In appearance they are similar to electric hair clippers. The purpose of these is to trim the tail ends of the stitching on the blanket. A small air hose blows the ends into the clippers and keeps the clipper motor cool. This eliminates the use of scissors which are a possible factor in causing injuries.

Stainless Steel Lining

An order has been issued to line two raw stock dyeing machines with stainless steel. This will allow these machines to be used for bleaching to insure a brighter and truer color. At the present time, the machines are of iron and the material used in bleaching would stain the iron and discolor the blankets. The reason this job is not yet completed is the great demand for stainless steel in National Defense, but it is expected to be received in a short time.

Watchmen Clocks

Four watch clocks for use by the Watchmen have been purchased and put into use. This new system replaces the A.D.T. service. There are 77 stations for the new clocks.

New Blanket Napper

A Woomsocket twenty roll napper has been purchased and put into use on the Blanket Napping room. This machine is motor driven, single action, ballbearing type which will accommodate a blanket up to 90 inches in width.

Lap Scale Installed

A Toledo Industrial Lap scale has been installed in room 14-2B where rayon and wool stock for



Looks like Louise Kelley and Lee Hiatt are all ready to take a ride in "their" limousine. Louise wraps sheets in Cellophane and Lee is a slip inspector, both employed at the Lewiston Plant.

Alfred Lantagne, foreman of the general stockroom at Biddeford. Fred was formerly connected with the Sheeting Weaving Division.



blankets is weighed and mixed. After the stock is mixed it is placed in a box and at the proper time, the box is tripped and feeds the hopper below.

400,000 Bobbins Sold

An order has been issued to sell 100,000 eight inch used filling bobbins to C. L. Upchurch & Sons of Athens, Georgia and 300,000 to the Lowell Shuttle Company. This is surplus stock inasmuch as nearly all bobbins now used are on 8 3/4 inch package.

Hay Press Put Into Service

A 17 x 22 power hay press, condenser and fan have been installed in the Blanket Division. Roving waste, drawn by the fan, falls off the condenser to the hay pressed where it is baled. Previously, the waste was blown into bins, later to be baled by hand. The new method eliminates a fire hazard caused from blowing the cotton into the bins.

Lindale Plant Buys Surplus Equipment

The Lindale, Georgia, plant of Pepperell has purchased from the Biddeford Division, one lathe, a pipe machine, cutting off machine, a No. 8 Sturtevant fan and two copper size kettles. This was all surplus equipment.

Lease Half Of Garage To B. & M.

An agreement has been signed by the officials of Pepperell and the Boston and Maine Transportation Company whereby the B. & M. rents one half of the mill garage. There is ample room for trucks and buses of the Transportation company as well as for the mill trucks.

Steel Flooring Removed

The steel plating on the lower floor of the trestle bridge connecting Mill No. 2 with room 74 has been removed and replaced by hardwood flooring. The steel plating, when wet, was very slippery and the laying of the hardwood flooring has eliminated a dangerous falling hazard.

50 Blanket Looms Junked

Fifty Blanket looms are being junked and sold as scrap. All parts in good condition will be salvaged.

ALL NEW ENGLAND UNITES IN DEFENSE WORK AND PLANS

Camp Edwards on Cape Cod has been built with the help of thousands of people in New England mills, workshops and factories



On the elbow of Cape Cod, in the gigantic Camp Edwards that is now being completed, you can see some evidence of the vast defense preparations that are taking place in New England. You can also see what an important part hundreds of manufacturers and thousands of employees have played in helping to build this mammoth camp. The sheets and pillow cases that the people of Pepperell are making in Biddeford and Lewiston will provide part of the equipment of this home for twenty-five thousand soldiers. Each member of the regular army will receive a standard allotment of bedding which includes three sheets and two pillow cases, the same kind that is now coming off the looms of Biddeford.

Bigger Than Biddeford

Thousands of other manufacturers and millions of other people have had a real part in building this home for 25,000 troops — a city built in four months which is as large as Bangor, Maine, and half again larger than Biddeford. The more than one hundred miles of roadway in the camp have been built not only by the men who have laid the asphalt, but by the thousands of men in foundries and mills where road-making machinery has been built. The hundreds of barracks, each with its own heating plant, toilet facilities, wash rooms and shower baths, have called on the help of thousands of other employees in mines, lumber camps, lumber mills, tinsmiths' shops, nail and bolt factories. The mammoth water tanks each holding over 400,000 gallons, to supply the camp, have been built with the help of rolling mill employees, rivet makers, and structural steel foundries. The seventeen carloads of bed springs, and the 25,000 mattresses, the 75,000 sheets and the 50,000 pillow cases — all of these things have been supplied by the perfect coordination of people in hundreds of iron mills, mattress factories and cotton mills.

As part of the National Defense Program, Camp Edwards is the training center in New England for the men of the regular army. It will house two complete

army divisions, three anti-aircraft divisions, and all the specialized companies that are needed to make up a modern army. Motorized infantry, engineering corps, artillery and howitzer companies, hospital staffs, — they'll all be in this gigantic camp that has been built complete between September 13, 1940, and January 16, 1943.

The men will live in barracks that are as modern and well equipped as a good home. There will be an average of about 60 men in each barracks, depending upon the service they belong to. Each barracks is about sixty feet long, twenty feet wide, has its own hot air heating unit, with forced air circulation through ducts that look like air-conditioning units. Each barracks has its own mess hall and kitchen, self-contained toilet facilities with six enamel wash bowls, four showers, and special day room to be used for recreation purposes. Each barracks is protected against termites, double sheathed, and with special ventilating facilities for the summer months.

A Streamlined City

There are three theatres in the camp, each seating 1,000 men, and a recreation hall for each regiment to seat 500. There are five fire stations in the camp, with a total of fifteen pieces of apparatus, a hospital with 300 beds, and connected runways that are 600 feet long. The refrigerating plant, made of reinforced concrete, is as large as that of a meat packing plant in a big city. The food storage warehouses are 400 feet long and there are eight of them. Altogether they look about as big as the biggest cotton warehouse in Biddeford. While the camp was being built, they set up a sawmill to cut lumber that employed 200 men, and there were 25 mechanics on each of three shifts repairing the trucks and tractors used in construction work. One man did nothing but inflate truck and automobile tires.

The buildings are standard size and construction, so that they are cut before they are erected. In putting

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up a building, a crew of about fifty men is assigned, each with a specific job. They swarm all over it like ants, and within a matter of hours, it is boarded in and roofed. A building about 60 feet long and 40 feet wide was boarded in, with roof timbers up, and three-quarters of the roof boarded between seven in the morning and two in the afternoon.

When construction was at its peak, over 10,000 men were at work, and at leaving time, it took the cars and busses they drove over an hour to pass a given point on the road. There are three big traffic circles in the camp, as large as any on New England highways, and the parade ground covers about a square mile. There is a complete self-contained sewage disposal plant, and a special spur track runs right into the provision warehouses.

Training Requirements

The 25,000 troops quartered in Camp Edwards will come largely from the 68th Army Division in the South, with anti-aircraft batteries from Connecticut, and several regiments from New York. Their training will comprise detailed practice in war manoeuvres, mounting and firing 37 mm. and 75 mm. cannon, anti-tank guns, 50 cal. and 30 cal. machine guns, anti-aircraft practice, field manoeuvres, and of course, all the intricate coordination that is provided by the signal corps and motorized infantry through the use of modern fighting equipment. On the firing range, there will be a circle of 32 men spread over six to eight miles, each with a telephone, reporting immediately back to headquarters, and observation posts with phone and radio communications will report accurately on target practice. Anti-aircraft practice will take place offshore on the Cape, with targets towed by planes. The terrain around the camp is both hilly and level, providing ideal conditions for practicing troop and gun movements.

This tremendous camp will be the actual training ground for thousands of fighting men, but the requirements of these men extend far beyond the limits of the



This photo gives a good idea of how fast they work in setting up the military camps. Here are 21 men doing nothing but boarding in a roof of what looks like a warehouse. No wonder they go up so fast!

Evelyn Pascal, professional dancer, winner of the Beauty Contest held at the Empire Theatre last August. Evelyn is the niece of Fleming Rose, Mill A, Fall River. Note the bathing suit is made of Rayon.



camp. The constant stream of supplies that they will need, not only as food, but as clothing, bedding, ammunition, and guns, will have to come from thousands of factories and mills, where literally millions of people will be an integral part of the defense program. The defense program is a great and serious business, and all New England is part of it. It is our duty to share in this great task and provide quality — price and delivery so that there shall be no delay in our National Preparedness program.

MAYBE YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS — BUT TRY THESE

Here again is a chance for you to test your own mental skill in answering these few quiz questions. If all are answered correctly, your name is placed on the honor roll, but if you miss on two, then better luck next time. Answers to these will be found on page 13.

1. Lady Pepperell sheets have been used at both North and South Poles. True or false?
2. Pepperell uses a kind of "Lie Detector" on their products. True or false?
3. The United States grows more cotton than any other country. True or false?
4. Blonde hairs are more sensitive to humidity changes than dark hairs. True or false?
5. A housewife can trade in used Pepperell sheets, in some stores, for new ones, like her husband does for a new car. True or false?
6. Iron rust cannot be removed from a sheet. True or false?
7. There are 18 major processes in making sheets or blankets. True or false?
8. During the course of manufacturing sheets, there are 10 laboratory inspections. True or false?
9. Textiles is one of the smaller industries in this country. True or false?

**FRANK LINEHAN AT LEWISTON
BLEACHERY NOMINATED TO
U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY**

Frank Linehan of Lewiston testing some chemicals in preparation for the bleaching process. Frank just received his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy.



J. Francis Linehan, assistant chemist at the Lewiston Bleachery was recently nominated as a principal to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He expects to begin his duties there in June.

Frank was born in Lewiston and was graduated from Lewiston High in the class of '39 with honors. He was elected to the National Honor Society which is based on scholarship, leadership, character and service.

While attending high school, he majored in Chemistry, received good marks and was selected to be assistant to Carlton Morrill, head chemist. Frank worked at the Bleachery for a year when he decided to further his education and attended Bates College where he is now studying. His marks are above average for he received B's in all his studies thus far in the school year. He still is employed at the Bleachery three afternoons a week and during vacation periods.

Desires To Be Answered

His high school career was motivated by three itches; the itch to join the Navy, the itch to travel and the itch to serve his country. They were all scratched simultaneously when he received his appointment to the Naval Academy by Congresswoman Margaret Chase Smith. When we asked him why he chose the Navy, a relaxed smile came over his face and with a twinkle of humor in his eyes he said, "Well, I want to get my feet wet I guess."

It is a four year course and after graduating as a Midshipman, he must serve two years as Ensign. His present thoughts are to serve his country in the Navy for the rest of his days. Frank has two cousins already graduated from Annapolis. They are Ensign Joseph Linehan of the destroyer Greyson and Ensign William Kornahrens of the cruiser Trenton.

His father, Michael Linehan, is a machinist in the Sheet Factory and has been employed there for

approximately twenty years.

All the Pepperell family wishes him all the success possible and when he returns to us for a visit, as he has promised to do, the boys will give him a 21 gun salute by dropping 21 test tubes loaded with TNT into an empty metal barrel. He resides with his family on Switzerland Terrace, Lewiston.

**ARTHUR E. TWADDLE
JOINS PEPPERELL STAFF AT
FALL RIVER**



May we introduce to all Pepperell employees, Mr. Arthur E. Twaddle, Master Mechanic in the Fall River plant.

Mr. Twaddle was born in Manchester, N. H., was graduated from the University of New Hampshire in the class of '21 with the degree of Industrial Engineer. After his graduation he secured employment with the Amoskeag in the mechanical department, where he remained until 1935 when this firm dissolved. The year that followed was spent supervising the installation of the water system at U. of N. H.

He returned to his native city and was employed in the Manchester Division of the Pacific Mills as Assistant Master Mechanic. His relations with this firm terminated when the mills were abandoned. Being an energetic fellow, he never was at a loss for a job for he secured employment at the Kittery Navy Yard. It was while Mr. Twaddle was there that he received his call to come to Pepperell where he assumed his duties on January 2nd of this year.

Pepperell is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Twaddle, backed by nearly 20 years of experience in the textile field. Fall River folk will find him an able efficient and friendly co-worker in their common effort to put Pepperell products right on top in the textile industry. The Sheet is glad to welcome him and wish him all success in his new duties.

He was married in 1924 to Ruth McQuesten, a graduate of University of New Hampshire in the class of 1920. They have three children, Joan, 13; William, 10; and James, 4.

NEW ENGLAND WILL COME BACK AS PEOPLE AND INDUSTRY REAL- IZE THE SOUND FUTURE AHEAD

**The First Industrial Section in the
Greatest Industrial Nation in the
World, can use its ingenuity and will
to regain the place that it must have**



The United States is the most important industrial country in the world. It has more factories, power plants, mills and manufacturing shops of all kinds than any other country. In the United States, New England was the first industrial section to be developed, and in New England the cotton-textile industry was the first to be established.

The cotton-textile industry in New England was the first industry in a country that is now the leading industrial country of the world. Maybe this is something to be proud of, and maybe it isn't. Maybe this means something today, and maybe it doesn't. It does mean something if New England and its people want to regain the position that they once held. It means something if these people want to show the ingenuity and capacity for work that made New England's cotton-textile industry the complete forerunner of all industry in this country.



How did it happen that New England was so far ahead in its ideas and development and work? Why didn't the industry start in the South, or the West, or in Pennsylvania or Ohio? There must have been real advantages that New England had that made it the most favored place for starting this new industry. Here are a few of the reasons why this section was the leader, and these reasons are given, not because it is easy or pleasant to look back on a glorious era, but to make it clear that practically all the physical advantages that existed long ago have passed away and that they are going to be supplanted by new advantages that the people themselves will provide.

The United States fought a war with England in 1812, and without much equipment, and with few trained men, eventually won a hard but deserved

victory. After the war, most of the markets outside this country where goods used to be sent were cut off. The merchants who owned many ships were no longer able to import all kinds of goods from the Orient, and in turn, they weren't able to send goods to Spain, Europe, England, and the West Indies. This meant that many people were thrown out of work, and all New England suffered.



These people were clever and they knew how to turn from one kind of a job to another. During the War of 1812, they had built hundreds of ships in New England yards, and these ships were one of the most important means of winning that war. They had built a great many roads between the main cities, when the rest of the country hardly knew what a turnpike was. Just because they lost their overseas trade as a result of the war, didn't bother them at all. They put their labor and their money into new enterprises and factories and some of these were cotton mills.

They saw in New England, advantages that didn't exist anywhere else in the country, a country which in 1810 had a population of less than 10,000,000 people. They saw the many rivers and streams that could provide water power. Steam engines weren't in use then, and electric motors were unheard of. They saw that the climate was humid — an absolute necessity for spinning yarns. (The Cotton-textile industry didn't develop in the South until artificial humidifying equipment was invented.)

They knew that the streams and rivers had pure water for bleaching, that because it was much cheaper to ship cotton in by boat, and finished products out, the many ports in New England were a great advantage. The people in New England lived much more

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closely together than those in other parts of the country, so it was easier for them to move to the cities and towns where the mills were built. Many of the farms in New England had outlived their usefulness, so there were many families who found that they could make a better living by going to work in the mills.



The country was expanding to the West, where new cities were growing, and there was a greater and greater demand for cotton goods of all kinds. These cotton mills that had been built right after the War of 1812 were making fabrics for a country that, with a population of less than 10,000,000 in 1810, grew to have a population of over 30,000,000 in 1860, right after the Civil War. All these things, such as water power, a humid climate, well located ports, water for bleaching, and an interested population, together with a country that was growing in size with leaps and bounds, helped this first industry in America to grow at a very fast rate.

It grew so fast and offered so many opportunities for employment, that people from many parts of the world came to New England to get work at wages that were better than where they had formerly lived. Many of them came from Ireland, many from Canada, some came from Italy and Greece, and from England and Scotland. This industry was a mecca that drew people to its cities and towns, and when they came, they weren't disappointed. They were able in most all cases to find work, to settle down and make these new cities and towns their permanent homes.



IMAGINE FINDING THAT NOTE ON YOUR FRONT DOOR!

What was true of the period between 1812 and 1860 is no longer true. Now it is possible to produce power by steam driven generators that is as cheap as that produced by water power. Artificial humidifying equipment makes it possible to spin yarns successfully in any part of the country. Filter equipment can provide clean water for bleaching almost anywhere. The hundreds of other ports now in use make shipment from New England's ports no great advantage. The country has grown in size from 30,000,000 people in 1860, to 130,000,000 in 1941, and the center of population is far removed from New England where cotton goods are made. The farmers in other sections have worked out their land, and they have found that they too can make a better living by moving into towns in

the South to work for the mills.

Right down the line, all the material advantages that the cotton-textile industry in New England once had have been taken over by other sections, and in many cases those sections have advantages that New England hasn't got now. These are advantages in location, power, shipping—things that are geographic and can't very well be changed overnight. But there still remains in New England the greatest advantage of all, and this is one that cannot be taken away. This is the desire to maintain the industry and to build it up again as the leading industry in the leading compact industrial section in the United States.



This can be done, and it can yield rewards for all the people who take part in this revival. There is a very important place in America for the products of New England mills. New England workers are among the most skilful in the country. They are the most diligent, loyal and enthusiastic. New England manufacturers have a strong pride in their mills and the products that are made in them. All of these things will overcome any geographic advantages that may exist elsewhere because these new advantages will be provided by the people themselves, by their work, and by their will. These things are much stronger and much longer lasting than advantages in geographic position.

The people who work in the cotton-textile industry in New England have a lot to look forward to. They are in much the same position as those people in 1812 who had to use all their skill and ability to build up a new industry. There is plenty of room for growth today and plenty of opportunities to use ingenuity, sound work, and enthusiasm to make the industry and its people successful.



Normand and Donald, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Deigneault of Biddford. Their Dad is employed in the Spinning Department and their Mother is in the Blanket Weave Room.

**LUCIA MAHEUX'S SKILL
HAS BEEN EVIDENT FOR
39 YEARS**



To work in one mill for 39 years is quite a record, but to work in the same mill on the same set of looms for 31 years looks to be the kind of a record that few people in the entire textile industry can match.

Lucia Maheux, who now works in Room 10-2 at Biddeford as a weaver, has that kind of a record so you can easily see why she refers to those looms that she ran for so long a period as "my looms". In her long experience as a weaver she, of course, has seen a good many changes take place, not only in the city itself but in the Mill and in the methods of work that are practiced.

Worked 12 Hour Day

When she started to work in the Mill, she was originally taught by her uncle, Mr. Joseph Dion, who was a loom fixer at that time. She worked two weeks as a learner before she was assigned to two looms. She also helped other weavers in the same room, which was 21-B. After a short while she became more skilful and had five looms to attend. She says that they not only had to tend the looms, but also to take care of the sweeping, oiling and keeping the looms as clean as a penny.

There were long hours of work in those days, so they used to start at 6:10 in the morning and work until 6 at night every day except Saturday when the Mill closed at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Maheux can remember the day she received her first pay, for the envelope had the very welcome rattle of silver coins to it. Paper money wasn't used very much in those days so that payment was always in silver dollars.

Has Record Hard To Beat

During the 31 years that she worked on the same set of looms, she was the only weaver who ever attended them, for at that time only one shift was worked. Joseph Dion and George Paul were the only loom fixers who were employed in that room during

that period. Mrs. Maheux worked there until this room was closed up several years ago and since then she has been in 10-2.

She also has another record that would be pretty hard to beat, for in the very extended time that she has worked in the Mill she has never been late and she says that she feels very sure that she never will be.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR
300 CHILDREN AT FALL RIVER**

The Saturday before Christmas, a party was held for the children of the employees in the Social Hall. There were nearly 300 present from the age of two to twelve. Miss Louise Hall played Christmas Carols while the children joined in song. Mr. French entertained for an hour and a half with his acts of magic. That old rubber hen worked overtime laying those golden eggs; but when that water refused to run out of a glass, well, that was when the boys and girls thought Mr. French a wonderful man.

In one corner of the room stood a well-trimmed tree all decorated with lights, ornaments and tinsel. Santa Claus (and what a licking Ray Jardin took) went about the children asking what each would like for a gift. The requests were many and definite, but he did the best he could to satisfy the demands. Besides the gifts each child received a bag of candy, fruit and peanuts.

It was two hours of fast moving events for the youngsters and for the grown-ups as well. It was all in fun and the members of the Social Club who managed the occasion got as big a kick out of it as did those 300 followers of Saint Nick.



One of the scenes at the Fall River Christmas Party. Note the happy look on the Children's faces. This picture was taken during the party and shows only a few of the 300 Children present. Each of the Children received a gift, plus a bag containing candy, fruit and peanuts, cementing their faith in good old "St. Nick." One hour and a half of Magic by Mr. French, plus community singing served to fill in the balance of the time.

**ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF
LEWISTON CLERICAL STAFF
SUCCESSFUL**

A very enjoyable Christmas party was held by the clerical force of the Lewiston office at The Hotel DeWitt, Friday evening preceding Christmas Day. J. Arthur Cloutier was master of ceremonies and was ably supported by a committee consisting of Tom Anthoine, Frank O'Connell, Carl French, Margaret Welch, Blanche Sherry and Regina Dennison.

The entertainment was furnished by the McCabe Agency of Portland and included an accordion selection, songstress, tap dancing and magicians. But it remained for the office personnel to add ginger to the festivities. Marge Welch had the group spellbound by her rendition of "God Bless America" and received several curtain calls. Ted Murphy, the nightingale of Lewiston Heights, showed the group how Irish ballads really should be sung.

What Local Talent!!

Tom Anthoine exercised his lungs on the harmonica. The tremolo effect was caused by the earth tremors. Emile Laplanie did a swell job as old Saint Nick and presented everyone with a token. The highlight of the evening was when he gave his own famous dance of "The Chicken On The Reel."

In brief the program was as follows: Dinner; Professional singers, dancers and novelettes; Office personnel entertainment, Christmas gifts from Santa Claus, group singing of Christmas Carols followed by dancing.

Superintendent Adams in his own inimitable style presented Mill Manager Harrison with the gift purchased from the voluntary donations of the office.

force. Each year a party is held, but this one surpassed all previous gatherings.

**THE DRAGON LOOKS BACK
ON BIDDEFORD**

12 Years Ago This Month

New steel bridge under construction, connecting Mills No. 3 and 24, to facilitate storage and handling of blankets.

Social Club sponsors beauty contest with Simone Hotte chosen as Miss Biddeford 1929.

Pepperell Hockey Club defeats all comers.

11 Years Ago This Month

John Morin enters employ of Pepperell as Time Study man.

Lillian Bart, Elizabeth Eon, Constance Hartley and Dorothy Lamson make good impression at first howling match.

Blanche Desnoyers sings several solos at an entertainment sponsored by Social and Athletic Club.

Jasper Bean, office employee marries Miss Rebecca Emery.

1500 people present at opening of new Sheet Factory building at Lewiston.

10 Years Ago This Month

Mabel Tounignant and Edgar Paul married at St. Joseph's Church.

Tom Conley of Lewiston is master of ceremonies at the Hibernian, St. Patrick party.

Charles H. Goodwin returns to accept the position of City Marshal of Saco.

Arrangements completed for Ted Drew to meet Paul Junior in a boxing bout to be staged at Lewiston.



At one of the three tables during the Christmas Party of the Lewiston Clerical Staff, held at Hotel DeWitt are: Front Row Miss Barlett, Mr. Michaud, Miss Shea, Miss Wade, Mr. Vaughn,

Miss Jackson, Mr. Ricker, Miss Banulis, Messrs. Clark and O'Connell. Back Row Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Cloutier, Miss Fournier, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Anthoine, Mrs. Dennison and Miss Mynahan.

MANY BIDDEFORD HOMES BUILT BY EMPLOYEES WITH VERY LITTLE OUTSIDE HELP

Ninety-four people in the city of Biddeford in 1940 took out permits to build homes and the chances are that a great many of these people work in the Pepperell Mill.

Building a home isn't an easy job. It takes a lot of time, planning, patience, an understanding of construction, of workmen, and above all, the ability to carry the thing through even though there are a great many discouragements.

The rewards of a well-built home, though, pay out many times over not only through the pleasure that a home gives, but in the feeling that your home is your own. Practically any person in the Mill who has built a home will tell you these things. Without much question quite a number of your friends probably have either built or now own their own homes and possibly you will find in the ones who are mentioned below some people whom you know well.

Victor Vachon

Mr. Vachon built his entire home himself, except for the relatively small matter of four days' carpentry work which was put into the house by a hired carpenter. This is an excellent eight-room house and of course it fits his fine family very well, for he has six children living with him. Mr. Vachon's wife died when the youngest child was three months old and he has not only brought up a very lovely family, but has continued to work on his house until now it is practically complete. Mr. Vachon is a loom fixer in Room 13-B.

Antonio Belanger

Not only has Mr. Belanger built one home entirely by his own work, together with the help of his son, but the one which he now has is the second home that he has built. His son Rosaire and he built the entire house with the very minor exception of the wiring and of putting on the outside finish. Mr. Belanger is a frame tender in 23-B.



Mrs. Violet Begin

The hands of a woman can add a lot of character to the home and in the one built by Mrs. Begin, who is a weaver in 81, together with her husband Zepherin, who used to be a loom fixer, plenty of evidence of what a woman's touch means is shown. Mrs. Begin made the inside blinds, which are very much like venetian blinds, entirely by herself.

Roland Collard

It not only takes a good sense of construction, but sometimes a lot of wood cutting before a house can even be started. Mr. Collard, who is a second hand in spinning, prepared the ground for his house by clearing the land of trees and of scrub growth. This had to be done before the cellar could be started. He and a carpenter built the entire house at 259 West St. and now that the house is practically complete, he and his family look forward to a great many happy years in it.

Edward Patry

Sometimes it is more economical and more fun to fix an old house and fix it over. This is what Edward Patry of the Yard Department did on some buildings that he bought some time ago on the Biddeford-Alfred Road. First he remodeled the house just the way he wanted and he has done a beautiful job. Then last summer he painted the buildings complete. Unfortunately two years before this the barn was burned down, but this didn't bother Mr. Patry, for he built an entirely new barn by himself. If you think it is a trick to handle a piece of 2x4, ask Mr. Patry what the trick is in handling big timbers to go into a barn. He knows.

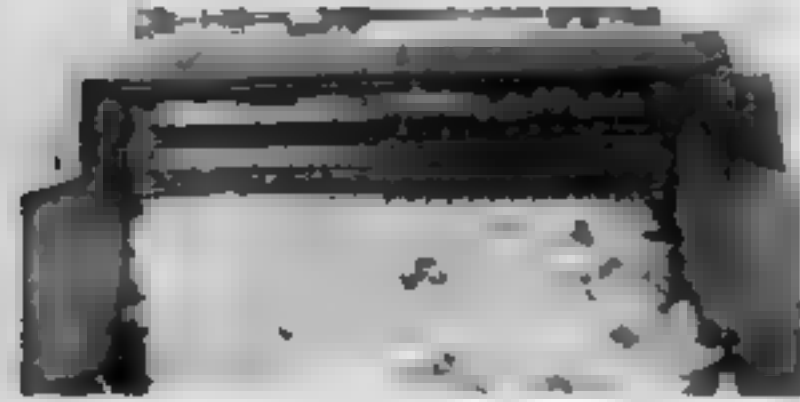
Laurent Gobeil

The home that is built out in the country not only makes a wonderful place to live in, but it also gives plenty of chance to do a lot of gardening. Mr. Gobeil, who works in Room 21-C, and his father Celestin, who works in Room 41, built their home right out in the country so that they could work the soil for all it's worth. Last Fall they had such a successful garden that they sold about 50 bushels of potatoes to various employees in the Mill.

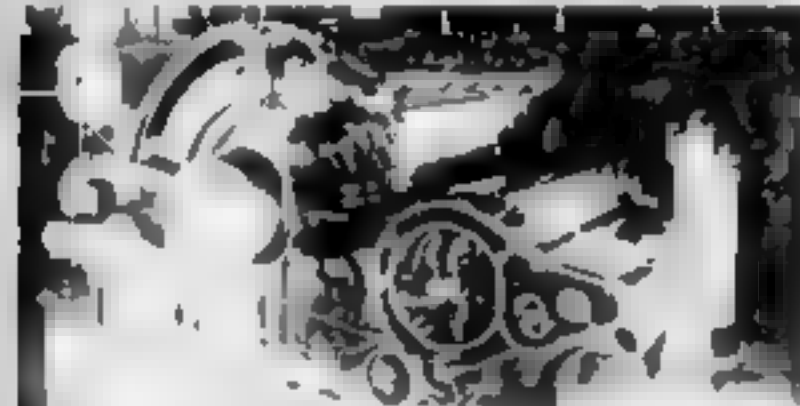
Weave Safety into your life fabric.

Thirty years ago and today. This home is owned by Amadee Motcier, employed in the Best Shop at Biddeford, and is situated at 84 Cleaver Street. The photo on the left was published thirty years ago in a pamphlet sponsored by the Pepperell Company to induce people to come to Biddeford and work in the Mills.

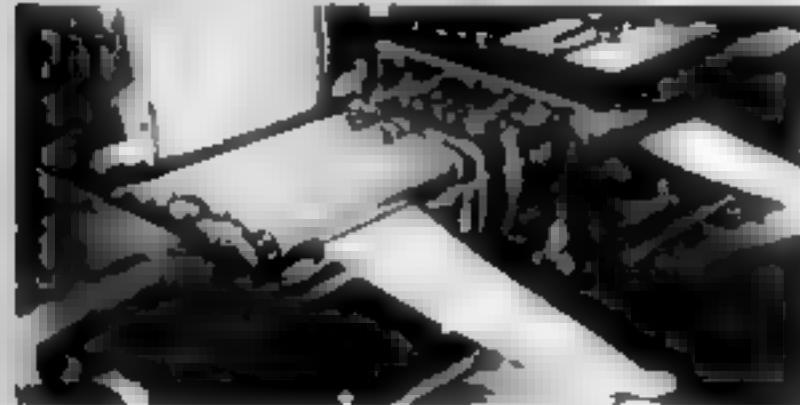
A BRIEF BUT INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR PROCESSES IN SHEET MANUFACTURING



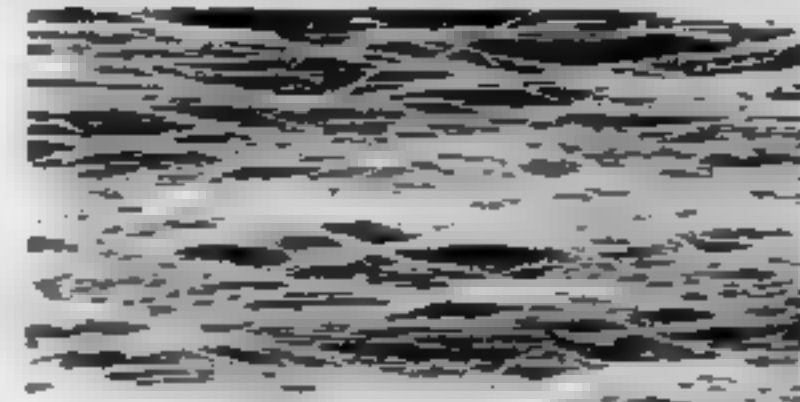
1. After the cotton has been opened and mixed it is blown through large pipes to the Picker room. This view is of the receiving and at back end of a one process picker. The object of this process is to open up the cotton, remove dirt and heavy particles and form into an even weight a definite number of ounces to the yard. A picker has several beaters which with a dust cage, a blending compartment where all cotton is thoroughly mixed before it passes between a roller to a press into an easy bending form and out to an iron snail thus forming a "lap."



2. The laps are placed on one end of the Carding machine and disentangle the confused mass of cotton fibres and approximately place them side by side. This is achieved by feeding the laps between a rapidly moving cylinder clothed with fine pointed wire and a very slow revolving flats or rollers also clothed with fine wire. The loose ends are on a wire clothed doffing cylinder and is removed from this by a rapidly oscillating comb. At this point the cotton fibres are separated and give the appearance of a closely made spider web. This web passes through a trumpet and forms a huge thread or sliver.



3. The slivers from the cards are passed between revolving rollers and are drawn out thus tending toward a parallel arrangement of the fibres. This process is known as Drawing. The first roller revolves at a higher speed than the next and this one in turn has a slower speed than the next until it is passed between four rollers. The Bradford plant has two process drawing but the Fall River mill has three with a Combing process in between the first and second drawing. Five slivers are drawn through the rollers and trumpet forming a single strand of yarn. This is known as the five delivery process.



4. The reason that combing is employed at Fall River is to make a finer grade sheet. In fine yarns it is necessary to comb the cotton to remove all foreign matter and all fibres having a length below a previously fixed minimum. After the first drawing process, the sliver is wound on to a wooden core to form a lap. Each lap is then placed on a comb and a large comb picks off a small section of the cotton ribbon and combs it as would be done by hand. Then it is drawn out two times more and gives the product a fine smoothness and silky look because of the large number of doublings and the removal of impurities.



5. The next process comprising Slubbers, Intermediates and Fly Frames are operated in very much the same way. Sliver from the last drawing is delivered through a set of rolls which with their variable speeds again draw the sliver in much the same method as the draw frames. The product after it leaves the rolls goes to a revolving roller which twists it and winds it on to a bobbin in cylindrical bobbins. The product is known as "slubbing" of a stated weight a grains per yard or of such number or hank. This process inserts the first twist. From Slubbers to Intermediates then to Fly Frames the product is twisted, becomes smaller in size and ready to spin.

All the operations pictured on this page come under the general heading of Carding. This is one of the most important processes, because if it is not well done, none of the processes that follow can remedy any defects that may have occurred.

Other major processes will be described in succeeding issues of the Sheet.

**LILLIAN BOUCHARD IS ALL
DOLLED UP WITH HER
FAMILY OF 48**



Collecting dolls is a fad among many Hollywood stars, and in the Lewiston Bleachery there is a young lady who collects them for a hobby.

She is Miss Lillian Bouchard who has been employed there for fifteen years. Last Spring Lillian started for the second time to gather these little images of human beings and she has accumulated 48 of them thus far. Some are dressed as clowns, cowboys from the west, ranchers in Old Mexico, colored folk in the South, a little Dutch boy and girl, and some in costumes representing the countries of Norway, Denmark, France and England.

Dodo Is Some Doll

The largest doll is the size of an average one year old child, at least it requires the clothing of a child that age. Lillian said that the doll's name is Dodo but we are at a loss as to which gender this name implies. Dodo only has two dresses now, but at one time had 48, the other 46 being given to real babies born to families less fortunate than Dodo.

Miss Bouchard gets a big kick out of her hobby by dressing her dolls. Sometimes it takes two and three evenings to make a costume for one doll. One little college girl from Bates is dressed in cap and gown made of black satin. The smallest doll, two inches in height is dressed as an old-fashioned baby with three petticoats, shirt and other clothing so popular 50 years ago.

Pleanty Of Seasoning

During the summer months Miss Bouchard commutes between the Bleachery and Webster where she has a fine camp built on the banks of the Sabattus River. All the interior decorations she did herself.

Her sister, Emma, formerly employed at the Bleachery has collected 85 sets of salt and pepper shakers which represent practically every type of an object

that could be used for this purpose.

These girls' father, Joseph Bouchard, is boss carpenter at the Bleachery and has been employed there many years. The family lives on upper Lisbon Street.

**FALL RIVER B CLOTH ROOM
HAS MERRY PARTY**

On December 12th last year, the B Cloth room at Fall River held their annual Christmas party at Luke's Lodge. It was a combined Christmas, shower and surprise party. The following poem was written by Dorothea Mercer and read to the group.

Merrily we go to Luke's with several things in mind
To laugh as life and try so hard some happiness to find
To eat and drink a little, how little we don't know
We just go home and pray next morning it won't show.

But that's not what this is all about
There's time enough to sing and shout
This is for Ethel, the Cloth Room Mother
We can't hope there'll ever be such another.

We have Blanket clubs and Money clubs, Social clubs and such
But with out the help of Ethel they wouldn't amount to much
And tho you search both near and far, never will you find
Another one who'd ever sell a five cent candy bar on time.

Each Thursday noon when desert time rolls 'round
Down rush the girls like blood-thirsty hounds,
And two gulps of her favorite chocolate cake
She eagerly takes all the money we make.

But what had seemed loss, soon proves to be gain
We get our money back without any pain,
We don't have to put her in the clinker
With crookedness you'd never link her.



HOBBY TURNED INTO THRIVING ENTERPRISE



The Fall River operatives have a taxidermist in their midst. He is Roland Robillard, a rayon weaver on the first shift. Roland started this as a hobby but the demands were so great that he now is forced to refuse a lot of this work. He has a diploma from the Northwestern School of Taxidermy which qualifies him to prepare and mount any skin from a hummingbird to an elephant.

The reason why Roland took up the study was that he thought it unwise to throw away the skins after shooting a bird or animal especially since many of them are really beautiful.

How It's Done

Skins are first cured and then a powder containing arsenic, burnt alum, oak bark and camphor is added. The powder consists largely of poison to prevent insects from eating the skin.

Roland tells us the hardest part of this work is to make the artificial body exactly like the original. Excelsior bound by heavy twine is most suitable although potter's clay is frequently used.

Perhaps the most unusual animal he was called on to mount was an alligator. This crocodile was three feet in length and was a pet of the owner, having a free rein of the house like a dog or a cat.

In the past four years, Mr. Robillard has stuffed

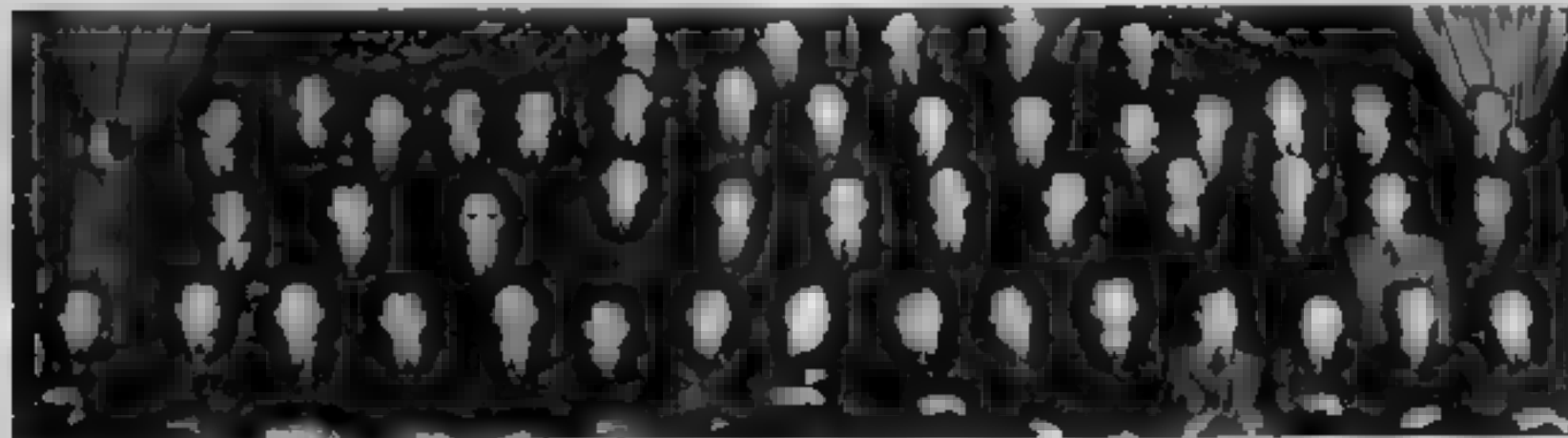
and mounted over 200 birds and animals. At the present time he has several pheasants and a fox to do. The winter is the period that taxidermists are busy, because after the first snows all birds and animals are in their prime. To illustrate this, the common blackbird has red on its wings in summer, the grey squirrel has red on the breast in summer, and the snowshoe rabbit is brown in summer turning to pure white in winter.

Roland himself is quite a hunter and goes frequently into the woods with his rabbit dog named Funny, known by all the hunters around Fall River because of his ability to perform his duties so well. So, if any of the readers catch a bird or animal that they want mounted, we strongly recommend Mr. Robillard who lives on Jepson Street.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ QUESTIONS

(The Questions are on Page 4)

1. True. They were used by Donald B. MacMillan at the North Pole and Commander Richard E. Byrd at the South Pole.
2. True. It really is an automatic roving tester, used to record the consistency of cotton strands before they are spun.
3. True. In fact, twice as much as all other countries combined.
4. True. Therefore they are used altogether in instruments measuring humidity.
5. True. Some stores offer a trade-in allowance when new ones are purchased. The old ones will be given to any charity the shopper selects.
6. False. Iron rust can be removed by applying a solution of oxalic acid and then rinsing thoroughly.
7. True.
8. False. Not 10 but 26 inspections.
9. False. Textiles is one of the largest industries in the country and employs more people than any other single industry.



Foremen at the Biddisford Mill. Associate Justice of the Superior Court, George L. Emery, (front row, center) was the speaker

of the evening. This group meets regularly once a month and listens to talks by very able speakers who represent the cross section of American business.

You can tell by that winning smile that Rose Guerin of the Spinning Dept. at Biddetford makes this room a very pleasant place in which to work. Rose is Drop Wire girl.



Bob Smith (left) and one of the Champion Bowlers at the Mill, purchasing a refreshing drink from O'Connell, who operates the canteen on the second and third shifts.



The first shift Winding Dept. A.M. at Fall River. This picture, taken by Irene de Levesque, shows from left to right: Florence, Josephine, Parvo, Lillian, Betube, Donna, and Gloria.



William Monahan of the Biddetford Mill is a watchman in the third shift at the Biddetford Mill, pushing in at one of the stations with one of the newly acquired watch clocks.

Marie Baker inspects the sheets after they are pressed at the Lewiston Sheet Factory. Her friends tell us that her husband Bobby is eating chicken chow mein. Anyway, she's a grand sport and a fine employee.



Lora Grant, Stock Room dispatcher at the Blanket Cloth Room at Biddetford, Fall River. Employees will be interested in seeing this picture for at one time Mr. Grant was employed at that Mill.



Three of a kind: Emilienne, Anita, and Florence Binnette sisters who are employed at Biddetford. The one at the left has been nicknamed Josephine Standish.

THE
PEPPERELL
Sheet

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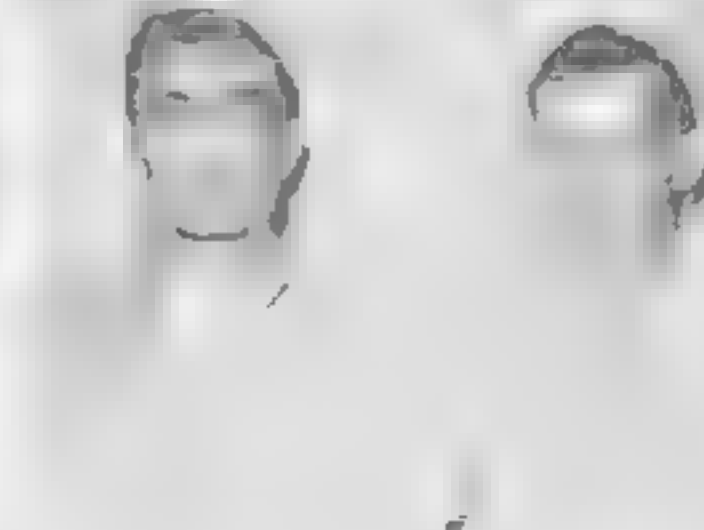


Second Hand Carme Garon of the Biddleford Plant has worked here for 47 years. 35 of these years he has been Second Hand. At the present time he supervises the large 134 Weave Room on the Second Shift.



Bernadette Paradis presses sheets at the Lewiston Division of Pepperell. By her jovial expression we agree that she is one of the most popular girls on the second shift at the factory.

Is she lost, window shopping, watching a parade, or just thinking? We know that she is Irene Chevrier daughter of Moe Chevrier owner of the Engine Room at Fall River.



Fannie Chaffin and George Lavoie, who are employed in the Card Room at Lewiston. They go in and out of the machine which is driving it easy for the fabric.



Bernadette Malo of the Lewiston Sheet Factory. Bunny as everyone calls her is inspector on the superfinishing machine.



This picture shows Olive Proctor of Weymouth, B. Fall River on her wedding day with the happy groom.

Mrs Cecile Antbore is employed in the Lewiston Factory. She is Work Dispatcher in the Stitching Room on the Second shift.



Two dolls. Pauline Ann, age 3 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Bousonneault. Pauline's daddy is Second Hand of the Blanket Cloth Room at Biddleford.



**OVERSEER JOHNSON HAS HAD
FULL TEXTILE EXPERIENCE**



Another of our series of biographical sketches is that of James Johnson, Overseer of Sheet Weaving at Biddeford. Born in Milwau, N. B., he attended schools there and secured his first job at the St. Croix Cotton Mill in that town, as a back boy in the mule room at the age of eleven years. Three years later he was learning to weave on the Crompton-Knowles box looms, weaving fancy cloth.

A Good Chef Too

The lure of adventure overtook him, so he packed his bag and went to Fitchburg, Mass. at the Nocke Mill as a smash piecer in the weave room. Six months later he was transferred to loomfixing where he learned this occupation in all its phases. Later he received employment at Lisbon, Maine, staying there until December 1912 when he enlisted in the Army and soldiered at Fort Slocum, N. Y., Fort Monroe, Va., Fort Hunt, Va.; Fort Washington, Md., and Fort Sherman at Panama. During his stay at Fort Slocum he attended the cook and baking school which has graduated many a fine chef and Jim is listed as one of them. He was discharged from the service in December 1915.

Returning to Fitchburg he was cook in a restaurant for two years, during which time he was married. In June 1917 he was called back into service, and stationed at Fort Andrews in Boston Harbor as a non-commissioned officer in the Coast Artillery.

Came To Biddeford In 1937

After his Army discharge he returned to the Nocke Mill as a loomfixer and after eight months was promoted to Second Hand. He accepted a call to Chicopee, Mass. as a Second Hand in the weave

rooms of the Dwight Mfg. Co. for eleven years. From there he went to Grosvenordale, Conn. for two and a half years as Second Hand of weaving.

Jim then secured employment at the Hix Mfg. Co. at Lewiston as Second Hand but after a year had elapsed he was called back to Grosvenordale. His stay was short for he came to Pepperell in September 1937 as general Second Hand on Sheet Weaving until July of last year when he was promoted to Overseer.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Richard C. Owen Post of American Legion at Saco, and several other fraternal organizations. He is married and has five children. The family resides on Winter Street in Saco.

**ENTER THE
SUGGESTION CONTEST AND
WIN A CASH AWARD**

A number of Biddeford employees each month are receiving cash for the ideas they submit in the Suggestion Contest. This is your opportunity to tell that idea you may have and if it is used it will mean cash for you. Original thinking arouses curiosity in an individual, to discover that his thoughts might be put to practical use. No man need be afraid of wasting his time in attempting to cultivate his thoughts. He may discover nothing greater than the joy of such thought, but he also may unlock the door to a little invention for which this mill will pay cash.

No Names Used

These contests are operated on a monthly basis and at the close of the period, the winning suggestion numbers are posted on the bulletin boards. Employees present the corresponding stub numbers to the Employment Department and receive their award. Ideas on which to write are not restricted. Any subject pertaining to the mill will be carefully considered by the contest committee.

The Winners

Last month's winners were Elphege Paradis who was awarded the first prize, Anthony Morris the second and a special award was given to Alfred Nolette a loomfixer in the Sheet Weaving Division.

A typical Western pose by Donald Nadeau, 7 year old brother of Bertha Nadeau, an inspector in the Sheet Weaving Cloth Room at Biddeford.



IMPORTANT WORLD EVENTS
AT HIS FINGER TIPS



Last week, we took a trip into the Blanket Cloth Room at Biddeford and talked with Hervey Lauzier who has a rather unusual hobby of reading and summarizing important daily happenings that have occurred.

Hervey was born in Biddeford, attended schools here and was graduated from St. Louis High in 1938 as Salutatorian of his class. He studied and practiced typing for three years at St. Louis and he chose history as his favorite subject. The combination of these two subjects shows why he has developed his hobby to such a high degree.

A Bureau of Information

He has several notebooks of important facts he has selected from 40 B.C. to the present day. Perhaps the outstanding feature of this data is the daily report of the present war. From Sept. 1, 1939 he has typed the daily standing of all armies on the many fronts. At first it took but two lines to describe the war, but with so much fighting on so many fronts now, nearly a full page is required to note the important facts.

Hervey makes his notes each day, but keeps about two weeks in arrears in typing, or until such time as there is an official communique. In this way, his notebook is kept as accurate as possible. He listens to the short wave broadcasts and in shorthand, makes notes of interesting remarks by the news dispatchers.

These daily recordings serve to settle many arguments of the Cloth Room employees, and in time to come, they will aid Mr. Lauzier's two children in familiarizing themselves with the present conflicts.

He has done quite a bit of typography similar to that of Mr. Belanger. We are in hopes of printing some of these pictures in the near future.

Mr. Lauzier was a member of the 240th Coast Artillery for three years and was well trained on the plotting and spotting boards. He is married and has two children. Mrs. Lauzier is employed on the second shift in Room 16-2.

KNOW YOUR COTTON

Those of us who work with cotton from day to day will be interested in knowing of its historical background. The first mention of cotton in America occurs in the journal of Christopher Columbus who, under date of October 12, 1492, describes the natives of Watling Island, where he first landed, bringing, among other things, skeins of cotton thread out to his ship.

Bed Linen First Mentioned

"Afterwards when we were in the ship's boats," he continues under the same date, "they came swimming toward us and brought us parrots and balls of cotton thread and spears, and many other things which they exchanged with us for other things which we gave them, such as strings of beads and little bells."

Speaking again under the date of October 16th, Columbus says of the natives, "Their beds and bags for holding things are like nets made of cotton. We saw married women wearing breeches made of cotton, but the girls do not, except some who have reached eighteen." This is interesting because it shows that very early American natives, particularly those of the South, not only raised cotton, but wove it into fabrics and garments of various kinds.

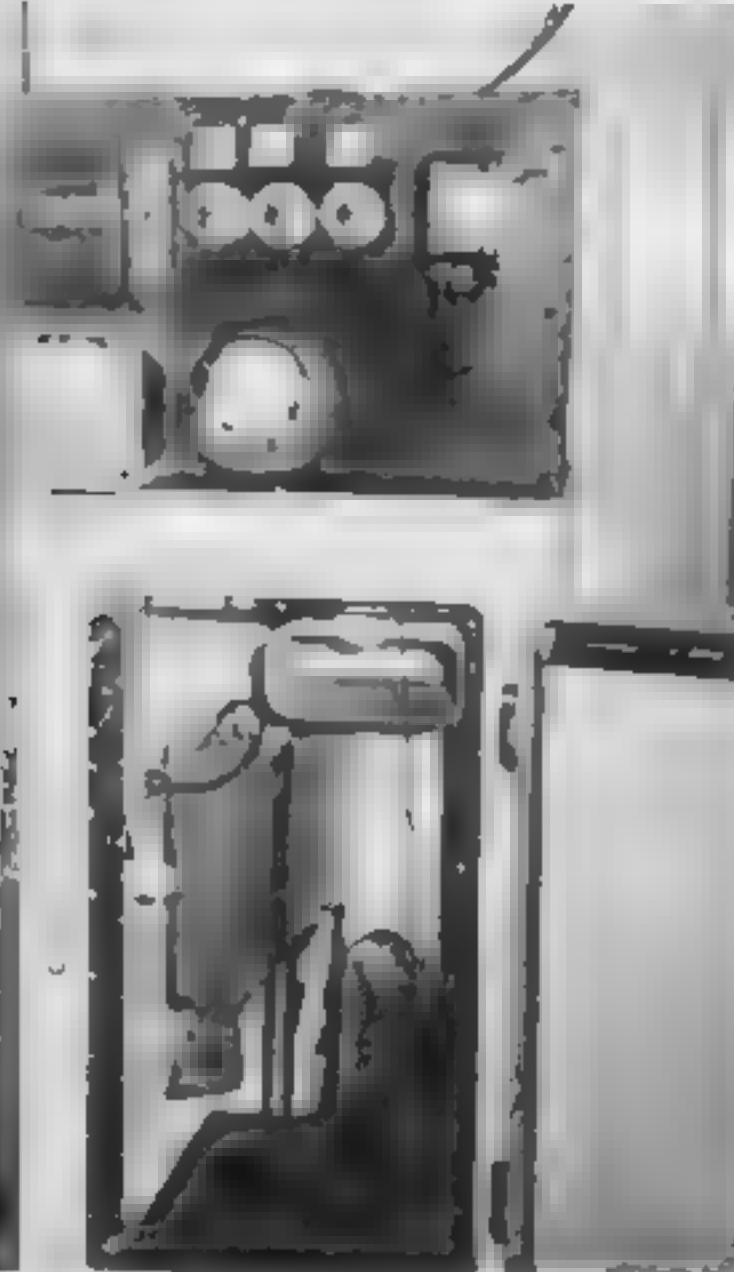
Cotton Grown Here In 1536

So far as is known, the first mention of cotton growing in the United States proper is by de Vaca, who found it in 1536 in what are now the States of Louisiana and Texas. The English colonists sowed the first cotton seed in Virginia in 1607. In 1620 a pamphlet called the "Declaration of the State of Virginia" stated that cotton wool was to be had there in abundance. One of the first large cargoes of cotton for the colonies was brought to Salem by the ship "Deane" in 1638. The "Tnal" was the first vessel to unload a cargo of cotton at Boston.

Black Magic

At first it was regarded as a garden plant rather than for domestic use. After a while, raw cotton was purchased by the colonists in small quantities and used at first for stuffing bed quilts. The seeds were removed by hand, one by one. Occasionally one thread of cotton and one of wool were made into yarn which was used for knitting socks. Even Lady Pepperell would have been unable to conceive of an industry as vast as that of our own Company. If she could but visit our storehouses today and see the large quantity of cotton stored or see the cotton made into our fine fabrics, she would doubtless declare it was the result of black magic.

**WARMTH TESTING MACHINE
USED BY BLANKET DIVISION**



This machine at Biddeford tests the warmth of blankets. Warmth is tested by the amount of electrical current required to keep a definite temperature inside a cylinder around which a blanket is wrapped.

With the new 1941 line of blankets introduced to the market, the Biddeford laboratory has been kept very busy testing the new blankets as well as competitive blankets. Part of the tests involve the use of the "Heat Transmission Apparatus," a device to measure the warmth of a blanket. This is expressed in the amount of electrical current or watts per hour required to maintain a temperature difference per ounce of material. There is a constant outside temperature, a constant temperature inside the cylinder over which the blanket is placed and a constant size of cloth. The difference in the type of construction and material used determines the relative warmth.

Why Wool Is Warmer Than Cotton

This machine is used constantly in testing all samples, current blankets in production to see if they

come up to requirements and for testing competitive blankets.

A new cotton blanket and a new wool blanket of the same weight will test equally in warmth, but after washing just once, the cotton blanket has very little warmth. This is because the all cotton fabric mats down and becomes hard, while the wool is elastic and springy and fluffs up to its original state producing a lot of little dead air spaces which hold in the heat.

Rayon Introduced and Accepted

During the past year when a sharp price rise occurred in wool, rayon was introduced and has been extremely well accepted by the buying public. Rayon fabrics act very much like those of wool, though not quite as warm as wool, they are much warmer than cotton. Even if the wool price dropped back to normal, in all probability rayon would stay in. It gives the fabric a nice feel, it's warm and makes a fine looking blanket.

Piece dyeing too was introduced last year and by its use has reduced the cost of fabrication. This saving is handed back to our customers. Not only does this process reduce the amount of second quality cloth but it gives the blanket a better feel, it feels the blanket, makes it firmer and gives a little more warmth.

Heads Up to the Future

The experience gained in these new methods and processes, aided by the laboratory tests during the past year, shows that these new blankets should be extremely popular. The Sales and Advertising Departments are doing everything they can to increase volume sales. This could mean that the amount of Blankets sold during this year will be very important to the Biddeford Mill.



Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Drout, and niece of Mrs. Claire Porter of the Sheeting Cloth Room at Biddeford, showing her good friend, Bobby, how to do tricks.

Sheet

Willie Francoeur is giving some nourishment to some bacon on the hoof. This little piggy soon to go to market is owned by Cordelia Morin, who is employed in Room 453 at Biddleford.



SHEETING SPINNING Biddleford

REPORTERS: Emma Levesque, Andrew Jacques, Adrien Levesque, Emeline Levesque, Renald Levesque, Fernand Levesque, Evelyn Colford, Isabelle Picard, Rose Baillargeon, Rose Rousselle, Wilma Reed, Jeannette Lajoie, Lorne Dubois, Irene Lapierre, Lucienne Roy, Dr. Jean Fréchette, Paul Ayotte, Martha Tardif, Leonard Perrault, Urban Perrault, Bernadette Fournier, Lorne Baillargeon.

¶ A. Poulin has tried all kinds of stunts with her Plymouth. Her latest - taking up a tree in Adams Street. What were you trying to do, Annette? Find a shorter way to heaven?

¶ Annette says she intends to buy a dress to burn for her car. We suggest one that plays "Over the Waves." That would be most appropriate, seeing there are so many ripples in the fenders of her Plymouth.

¶ J. Lacombe was seen measuring the length of Al. Moreau's nose. Wonder if Al. is contemplating plastic surgery. Please Al. do not change your features. You know you are quite a favorite with the girls, as you are.

¶ Albert J. Chretien, who has been associate justice of the Municipal Court in Manchester, N.H. has been nominated as justice of the Court. He has served as associate since 1935. He was graduated from St. Joseph's school in this city in the class of 1913. He was formerly employed by the Pepperell working in the Spinning room that is now known as 7-4. Mr. Chretien is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Deana Chretien who works in Room 6-4A third shift.

¶ We are very sorry to lose Helen Coronio and Albert Gosselin who have been Caldeire in the weaving shift. We will surely miss your smiles.

¶ Mrs. Rose LeBlanc has moved to Alfred Street from Camp Elm. Rose has a very much only the says it's quite noisy on Saturday night when dances are held.

¶ Jeannette Lajoie enters a new brother-in-law, brother-in-law and family over the holidays.



Oscar Dupont, Ernest Tamiar, Donat Coderre, Louis Sirois and Leo Lamothe enjoying a wintery roast at Newport Beach. All are employed in Weaving Dept., B Mill, Fall River.

¶ Deana Chretien had visitors over the holidays; her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Chas. and daughter Yvette from Lewiston.

¶ We welcome Mr. Poulin and Mr. Gilbert from Augusta. They are duffers on the third shift.

¶ Our loss, the 7-4 shift. Mrs. Plomene Nadeau has been transferred from the third to the first shift.

¶ Mrs. L. An. of Room 7-4 has just returned from a two weeks vacation.

¶ Mrs. Blanche Thompson of 7-4 also reports a grand vacation of two weeks spent with her friends and relatives.

¶ Mrs. Marie Anne Dubois has left us to accept the position as clerk of stenographer in her own shop. Marie Anne will be very glad to see any one of her former co-workers and she is well as in as good a health as Marie Anne.

¶ Mrs. Laine Riney former 7-4 of the third shift is now a Spinner in 2-5C on the first shift.

¶ Juliette Cournaud former spinner in 2-5C is now an all around girl. She is known to us as "Traveling Juliette."

¶ So sorry to say we forgot to mention Mrs. Blanche St. Louis' new permanent wave in the last sheet but they will look good anyway.

¶ It seems as though Romeo Dureville took a good New Year's resolution. He's been in fine fettle since the new year rolled in.

¶ Mrs. Alice Dureville was transferred from Spinner in 2-5B to 2-4B, so it seems as though Alice is climbing down instead of up.

¶ Mrs. A. Poulin was out almost two weeks because of illness. She looks fine now and we hope that she remains looking better.

¶ School sessions started again on Tuesday, January 7, '41. There are from eight to ten of us from the Spinning Dept. and we welcome any new students.

¶ Mrs. Maria Langer was visiting in Westbrook, Me.

¶ Dynamite went to East Westbrook about a week ago to collect the fifty cents his brother owed him. We believe he was successful as he returned to work looking as fat as a pig.

¶ Romeo D. kept chasing the girls down the street one day and was surprised to see the drops he got.

¶ A farewell party has been held in the 21st of the Academy Hall. May we take this opportunity to extend to each and every one of you a cordial farewell to this grand celebration.

¶ Mr. Gerard Rheault and Mr. Urban Perrault attended the Midnight Show at the Strand theater in Portland on New Year's Eve and reported a grand time.

¶ Mr. Roland Colard, our second hand motored to Boston to ring in the new year.

¶ A diamond ring has been given to Mrs. Mary P. Spinner in 2-5B. She was a spinster and she graciously thanked all those who contributed to the gift.

¶ Mrs. Blanche Roy of Room 2-4B attended the Ice Exhibition at the Boston Garden. He went on Dec. 2nd.

¶ Mrs. Lucienne Roy has resumed her work after a few days' absence because of illness.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lefebvre observed their fourth wedding anniversary Jan. 9.

¶ Andrew Tremblay, local heartthrob and super gigolo of bootleg stoppers takes great fancy in giving the girls a treat on Sundays as he gives free performances at the Westbrook rink attended in his windproof suit and new overtoned racing subwars.

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Joseph LeBlond, who is employed at the Lewiston Bleachery. His duties are to supply the machines in the Can Room with plenty of cloth, and he sure does it, according to his co-workers.





Little Mary Louise, who is six months old, is the daughter of Cremida Gomes, creel girl in A Mill at Fall River.

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¶ Mrs. Rose Leblanc of Camp Ellis has taken up residence in Biddeford for the winter months.

¶ Mrs. E. Dubuc is confined to her home with a severe cold.

¶ May we extend a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. George K. and Mrs. Andre Jacques and to Mrs. Mina Desmarais who have recently been employed here.

¶ Lima has lost her knife. She will be most grateful to anyone who finds it and returns it to her.

¶ "Fibber" or "One Man" McCre was also known as "Shippery McCre" according to our book on pugilistic history. A notation beside his name mentions that he used to fall often inside the boxing ring.

¶ Mrs. Aurie Loranger is confined to her home by illness.

¶ Miss Esther Pless resumed her duties after a week of illness. Glad to see you back Father.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beauchemin have just purchased a new cottage on the Old Orchard road. We certainly hope you enjoy yourselves as we feel confident you will.

SHEETING WEAVING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Alice McDowell, John Tremblay, Myrtle Pons, Anna Bergeson.

¶ Leontine Deslauriers, weaver in B-1 was a visitor in New York over the holidays.

¶ Edward Dubuc, loom fixer in 9-2, spent the holidays in Montreal, visiting relatives.

Dan Cupid Scores Hit

¶ Irene Normand and Mary Jane Normand, battery hands in upper weaving received engagement rings from "Santa Claus."

¶ We are glad to see and have Napoleon Frechette, father of Second Hand Conde Frechette back with us after his recent illness.

¶ We extend our sincere sympathies to Elphege Paradis, loom fixer in B-3A, in his bereavement.

¶ All in the weaving department express their satisfaction in the parties conducted throughout the city in welcoming in the New Year.

¶ FLASH Donat Gagne, loom fixer in B-3A is the proud father of a new baby girl. Late news without details. We will furnish this in the next issue.



You'd never guess who this is! None other than Floyd Harding of the Special Cloths Dept. It seems Floyd must have been a beautiful baby."

MECHANICAL DEPT. — Biddeford

REPORTER: Lewis Berry.

¶ Arthur Hanson tells us that he can get to work any day on time with the exception of those days when the tow rope breaks and the driver fails to notice it.

¶ Dominic built a new type of chimney which requires the removal of two bricks each time a truck goes by. Dominic says the earthquake did it but isn't the way we heard it.

¶ John Watson had his earflaps on last week not to keep his ears warm but to train them to stay back.

¶ Wayne Townsend can't seem to sharpen a drill to suit Bill Brighton. We wonder why.

¶ Prescott Howard bought a red cabbage from Fred Grant. Prescott claims it was soaked in vinegar and been pure the way it tasted.

¶ Frank Wilson has been out with a cold but is back feeling much better, thanks to an Alfred Street Doc.

¶ John C. says he is working real hard to keep Clarence W. out of the red. Is this true or false, Clarence?

¶ Arthur Burnham says he has tried time and again to run his car on water but with no result. We know Arthur, you just got tired of carrying that's all.

¶ Hattie Jacob put new points on his car and we haven't seen him since.

¶ J. Napoleon Roy and Maurice Carter have been hired as paper chasers. Roland Tardif has been hired into the oil shop. We take this opportunity to welcome you all.

¶ Victor Curran, S. Wilfred Soucy and Hemme Simonsen have been transferred to elevator operators. Mr. Guertin wanted to be assigned to the machine shop elevator to keep an eye on his son.

¶ Charlie Fortman was seen ploughing around in the snow at Limerick. We think he is training a dog team.

¶ Roy Hirst says it makes him shake just to think of New Year's Eve. He says you can't welcome the new year properly unless we go to the Hall Way.

BLANKET CARDING & SPINNING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Laura Fournier, Jeannette Tremblay, Louis Trickey, Laurette Archambault.

¶ Mrs. Juliette Gagne, Spinner in Room 143, was elected President of the local Peasants Society last month.

¶ Blanche Martin has remained at work after a week's illness.

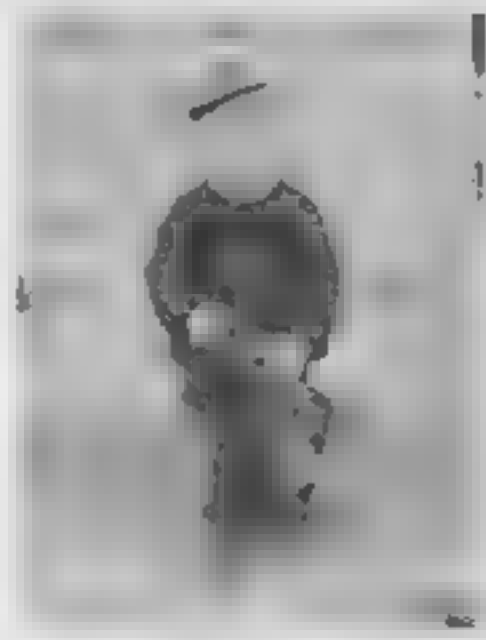
¶ Merinda Beaudet, Jeannette Gagne, Janet Tremblay, Laura Stevens, Roland Beaudet attended a dance recently at the Saco City Hall sponsored by the Textile Union Association.

¶ Mamie is very busy at Beaudet. She never misses.

¶ Ever notice B. D. and M. R. take care of bird claims?

¶ My but you have a pretty little thing. Perhaps it is for A. G. because we see him around quite a lot.

¶ I bet your Henny likes you with your hair all curled up. Eh Laura?



Lonesome, but not for long with the twinkles in this young man's eyes. He is Raymond Frchette, 37, nephew of Laura Labrecque, a Weaver in Room 10-2 at Biddeford.

¶ At a birthday party given recently in honor of Mrs. Kay Simonson, the prize ball and most appropriate ones were the same ball and prizes given to her by Mr. Butler in honor of her being named as the "First Lady Ambassador" to Camp Ellis. In a touching acceptance speech, Kay thanked our Republican representative and expressed the earnest desire that all her friends (all three of them) would be on hand when the digs the first official claim of 1941.

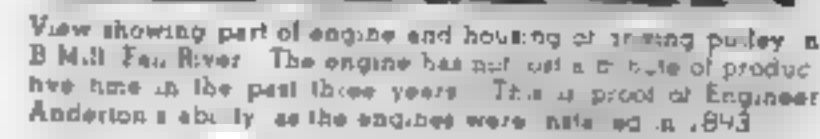
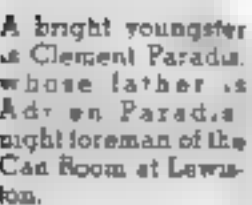
¶ We wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Nick Gillis, who won the defense of his title as the City Bowling Champion in a match with Al Huot, challenger, held recently at the Central Bowling Alleys on Alfred St. Nick's father was a Peppercorn employee for more than 30 years until illness forced him to retire.

She had the time of her life at the Christmas party held at Kay Simoneaux's and from what we have been told, she was the life of the party, which had up to the time of her "hop off," been velly welly dull.

“Your reporter was the victim of some Latin pun picking in a special match held at the Casa de la Raza,” he says. “He lost 7 strokes by the way.” “What did he do?” I ask. “He says that he could not be the champion because of his lusts that, that vegetable was just a boy,” he says. In fact I take this opportunity to inquire: Mr. Reyes, is it not to be noted at the Central American Games that the sex war is here?”

7 We were all very happy to see you and all your family in the photograph and in it he was just like the other and we could see that you were all very happy to see you in the photograph.

4. Mr. Chavanne Tibets was absent, [redacted] work for a week recently due to illness.



§ Scenes always to be removed later.

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REPORTERS: Sarah Whitworth, Herbert Starr, Paul LeBlond, Oscar Blanchette, Raymond Gaudron, Maurice Thériault, Joseph Cook, Emelin Morin.

§ Mum Lilian Parker our best songbird has left us for a better job. Wish you luck in your new position.

¶ Larry Cohen "usually" one of our most reliable & best detectors has found... that his nose went bad again.

Q Anyone in need of a good second hand stove, see "Charlie." The only trouble with it is that it lets out gas fumes. Why not cap it and sell gas, Charlie?

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¶ We are glad to see our old friend, John Pasterson back with us again. He is Card Tender in Room 4-2.
 ¶ We are wondering if Card Surper O. Cyr is trying to make a "rabbit" deal with Card Tender M. Garon of Room 4-2.
 ¶ Card Tender Gene B. of 4-2 has been transferred to Pickle Room 4-1.
 ¶ H. Gosselin, Card Tender, seems less lonesome since he has Mr. McKee with him.
 ¶ No, not a hurricane, it was McKee driving down Main Street, Saco on his way to work.
 ¶ Maurice Thompson, Grinder in Room 4-3, spent Armistice week vacationing in different parts of Rhode Island, and other New England states.
 ¶ Gene Bourgeault was out sick, but it is nice to see him back to work again.
 ¶ Marcel Garon, Card Tender in 4-2 had a Thanksgiving dinner composed of turkey which made him ill. It is said that he ate as much as the washbone.
 ¶ Mrs. Dumas of 4-2 is back at work after being out for a few weeks on account of sickness.
 ¶ Mrs. Gallant of Room 4-2 was a recent visitor in Newburyport, and it frequently sees with lady friends in Portland, Me.
 ¶ Mrs. Lacroix of Room 4-2, 3rd shift has recently been transferred to the 2nd shift.
 ¶ Pat L., former Keying Box in 4-2 who was sent to the 24th Coast Artillery in Portland was a member of the 1st of the Muds. We were glad to see Pat.

BLANKET WAVE ROOMS - Bildeford

REPORTER *James Gattamore*

♣ Mr. and Mrs. Roland Haines have spent the past two weeks in the month spent at a Maine resort. Mr. and Mrs. Loring, who was formerly Major R. M. Loring, has just returned to work with us.
 ♣ Mrs. Yvonne Bergeron visited her son, who is attending College in Canada.
 ♣ Mary Ann Morris recently visited in Hartford, Conn.
 ♣ Hazel Aquilar has returned to work after spending a two weeks vacation in New York City.
 ♣ Harnet Morrell was out a week due to illness and has now returned to work fully recovered.
 ♣ Herve Paquette has permanently left the employ of the Blanket Weave Room.
 ♣ Ernest C. G. is attending school in the N. H. over New Year's and will return to his home and at Keweenaw, Minn. on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

BLANKET CLOTH ROOM Hildebrand

Reporters Rose Howell Catherine Fitzgerald

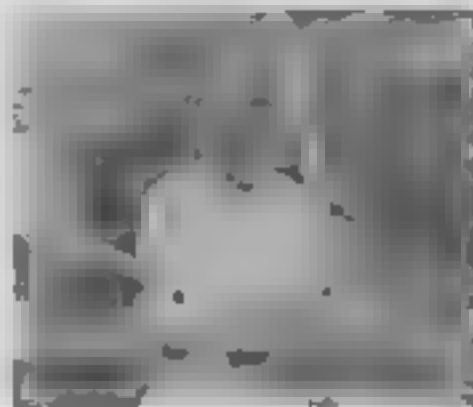
Back to Work

¶ We all welcome back Ethel Caudebec, who was out on a three months' leave of absence.
¶ Janet Drapman has resumed her duties after a two weeks illness.

Birchday Walker

A birthday party was held recently at Vallee's Inn to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Maurice Lemire. Among those who attended were Mr and Mrs Edgar Caron, Mr and Mrs. Sheldon Emery, Paul Houscar, Henry and Paul Lyndie.

Nick Guss City
Bowling Champ and
Manager of the Cen-
tral Bowling Alley
When this picture
was taken he was
thinking of home
runs and not strikes.
He is employed in
the Sheet Metal Di-
vision at Biddford.



Jeannette eleven months old daughter of Archie Lambert of Bridgeton. Her Daddy is a Weaver in Room 53-B.

Lawrence Raymond Thibault and Mr and Mrs Maurice Lemire

Our Author. Mr. Plants

"I've come around to asking A & P for the story or ~~the~~ allow
showing it at all. I don't know if they'll do it. I'm sure if he
H. [unclear] then he might have a chapter with the topic.
The Arbino gives me a rush."

We Miss You

Mr Frank Lafontaine has been out of work on account of illness. We all miss you, Mr Lafontaine, and hope you are at work when this letter is out.

Laura Cavaough is reported to be feeling fine. Glad to hear the good news, Laura. We are all anxious to see you back to work as soon as possible.

Blanche Crepeau is operating at her home after being operated on for appendicitis.

More Notes

¶ If ever you go down in 16-1 and hear a noise or a sound, don't pay attention to it. It will be none other than the sound of the wind blowing away a weed.

Institution or Blanket

6 Although Rumsige will probably tell you that "Burlap" was a great bowler, I agree.

7 The word he used for bowling is "to bowl," an attack of Bowling fever hit R. J. G. and I said he would play the Pastime Alley and showed some consistently good bowling George Jonas hit a high of 187 and at the rate he was improving when the match ended, by midnight he'd have been hitting 200 again. So Mr. B. is a bowler. Since we had more time by the end of the night, Hal, Norman, Maurice Lemire and the boys went over to the dance. There must be something about the French Canadian men who love dancing. You may expect a challenge also Roland Lemire's office. Incidentally there was quite an idea of Maurice's about choosing sides, six bottle-topps, three each of one color, an empty cigar box and a long reach up for your choice.

8 P.S. The book doesn't mention that the team of Sheeham, Lemire, and Pondicton were the champs of the evening.

Cupid Busy on Christmas Eve

§ Cupid is one little man who is always on the job. Congratulations are in order to: Madeline Desmarin whose engagement to Renald Bousvert has been announced, and Rose-Aimee Chénard to Mirel Parenteau. Wedding dates have not been set.

Boston Visitors

† Mr. and Mrs. Phyllis Bouthout spent a pleasant week-end in Boston recently. Glad to hear you folks had a good time.

Their Songs

Maria N.	Jeepers Creepers
Ana B.	Smash Fry
Bianca D.	There's Something about a Soldier
Gemma F.	
Dorothy B.	Forever
Hersey L.	My Dream and I
Louise M.	You Woke Up

Back from Canada

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drapeau were recent visitors of Quebec, Canada.
¶ We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Davis on her recent bereavement.

WEAVE ROOM SHEET "A" - Fall River

1 With this issue the Papard's Sheet is celebrating its second anniversary with the Fall River Employees. I wish to thank all employees for the cooperation during the past year and look forward to a Happy New Year with you. All contributions to this sheet shall be appreciated.

4 The Annual Get-together of all Rayon Second-hands and Mr. Guyer. In the evening was held at the Radha Bice "Sa Dec. 28th, 1940. A hearty steak dinner was enjoyed by all after which Mr. Guyer led the chorusing on "Honesty, Cooperation and Efficiency."

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¶ For good health and rosy cheeks eat at the Pepperell Cafeteria. The food is wholesome, sanitary and inexpensive.

¶ A big bouquet of roses and orchids to Florrie Wright, crowd gal. After all, Roosevelt and Larry are cute names, aren't they?

WANTED: Three cooperative young men, one from each shift of the Rayon Weave Room to become reporters for this sheet. No experience necessary. All applicants please report to the Rayon Office at your convenience between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

REPORTER *Beatrice Dupont*

¶ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our office girl Gladys King on the occasion of her brother's death.

willing to do your part for Uncle Sam.

§ We find our boss is unable to talk these days, our advice to you Mr. Lambert is to keep away from all drafts.

This happy couple Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vancouver, were married last June. Mr. Vancouver is employed in Napping Room No. 2 at Lewiston and Mrs. Vancouver is an employee of the Bates Mill Co.



Since this picture was taken this ear-
ous lew has be-
come Overseer at
the Budgetary Part
Give up. What ho
a Fancas Spence
at the age of five
years.

† Miss Mary Paiva has received a beautiful cedar chest from the boy friend for Christmas.

hoping your efforts are not in vain. Eddie

¶ John Warhol of the second shift is to be married sometime this month. The best of luck to you both.

It is rumored that John's brother, who works on the third shift, is also seriously in love. We wonder who the very lovely young lady is.

Mr. Rogers was quite the entertainer at the New Year's Party held in the Social Hall. He gave an exhibition of the tightrope walk.

* Mrs. F. Sando is out taking care of her husband and two children who are sick with the gripe.

REPORTER *Philip LaPage*

¶ Angelo Cerce has been looking around for a second hand lawn mower. The boys claim he wants it to shave with.

9. If Paulette offers anyone a piece of cake, by all means take it. We hear she makes pretty good cake since she bought her new mixer.

¶ It is rumored that Oscar Dupont bought his girl friend a diamond for Christmas. He doesn't say anything, but is rather coy when asked about it.

9 Effie received a beautiful wrist watch for her birthday from her boy friend. Some believe she is already married, but Effie denies the rumor.

§ Louis Farias is a very hard young man to convince about some things. He still won't believe a certain boy is only twenty-one.

* Adrian Chagnon, a happy snail, has been missed in the Weave Room lately. It has been transferred to the Stock Room.

¶ We wonder what would happen if Mr. LeBoeuf didn't have his money and his power.

Valeria R. wrote usages of bank a. of her friends who contributed to the bank. a power week and banked a/bef who was given to her by the members of the school for Christmas.

4 Jane Beale celebrated her first wedding anniversary Jan. 27th

† Lorraine Lord spent the week-end in Worcester visiting a girl friend.

* Imelda Staunton is doing something most young married couples would not do. She is building her new home. It will be finished in a few weeks and we all wish her much luck and happiness in her new home.

REPORTED *Marion Dupuis*

- We are sorry to hear that Mrs De phone Boucraia employed in the Wining Department is serious. Let us hope good health will soon return.
- Mr and Mrs Smith have returned to work after an absence of several days on business.
- Friends and relatives of Mrs Ann Beator assembled on a recent Sunday to celebrate her birth wedding anniversary. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.
- Miss Beator, daughter of Mrs Rose Emond, employed in the Spring Dept was agreeably surprised when several friends and relatives held a party at her home in honor of her sixteenth birthday.
- Miss Mathilda Bender announces the engagement of her daughter Fern. So far no news for her wedding.
- Mr and Mrs Baker has been absent from work during the week end.
- Our sympathy is offered Mr Joe Phoenix in the loss of his Aunt. Mr Phoenix is employed at the Spring Department.
- We are sympathizing with Mrs King in the loss of Miss Laura Conley and Miss Frances Laroux in the loss of their mother.
- Nothing was a surprise until it came to know with certainty that there would be nothing more.

REPORTED FROM 7 LIND

♦ We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Arthur F. Twaddle
our new Mac. Member.

♦ We also welcome to our chapter, with a & welcome to
the Stock Room & be welcome.



Old dobbin casts a shadow This piece of work was done by Herve Laugier a runner up to Mr. Belanger. Mr. Laugier states that this picture required 20 hours to do. You will note that he uses different characters than Belanger. Mr. Laugier is employed at the Biddetford Mill.



Linda is the three year old daughter of Herbert Yalmover a second hand in the Spinning Room. Linda's Mother is employed as a time-keeper in the Card Room.

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♪ The Holiday Season is over with all its hustle and bustle
 Life is back to normal again as I should say, but not for
 there are a number of things on the ground. So, Beta has been out
 for two weeks but we hope to see her again soon. Glad to hear
 you all look hope you are okay again. Bloodie
 ♪ I never had a better day as neither has Mae Donney.
 Ethel R. K. is now Larry Holland. I guess Santa Claus
 was much for them.
 ♪ We. At a how does it feel to have a nice new apron.
 Sam certainly knew what he fellows in R' Cloth Room
 needed.
 ♪ He's liking it. You will soon use those extra pounds.
 ♪ I never had a wonderful time at his New Year's Party
 and claims the reason was sticking to Ice Cream and Longshore.
 ♪ We all had a nice time at our day before Christmas Part.
 Each having our share cup cookies and candy and of course
 exchanging gifts. I wonder if anyone has ever noticed that at
 every party R' Cloth has there is always something good or
 eat. In other words No Lais. No Party.
 ♪ And now a word about the reporter. Since their notes were
 made poor Ethel was just like the song. She Faw Down and
 Lo Boom. Seriously we are all sorry to hear of Ethel's acci-
 dent and only hope she will be with us soon. The room isn't
 the same without Ethel.
 ♪ On December 28th, 1940, our Kay became the bride of
 Edeau R. Esion, Jr. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr.
 Burros at the Union Methodist Episcopal Church on
 Highland Ave. Dressed in white with finger length veil
 and carrying Camellias she was a very pretty bride, and Ned
 is a mighty lucky fellow.

THE LEWISTON RECORD

HARRY J. VAUGHN, Lewiston Editor

WHITE FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: Addard Lepage.

¶ Blanche Lallemant has enjoyed two weeks of vacationing in Canada. Many of the girls are wondering why she is holding out on them. What's his name, Blanche?

¶ Marie Blanche Fournier has again wisely invested her money. This time she has purchased a fur coat. A Raccoon, to be more specific.

¶ Eva Marchand has been seen practically under the Coca-Cola machine (for at least fifteen minutes) looking for that darned nickel.

¶ Your reporter takes this opportunity to extend his best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lundy, Jr. of the Sheet Factory on their recent marriage.

¶ Ward, "Captain Midnight" Nadeau is very enthusiastic about the new broadcast program every night Monday through Friday. Happy endings.

¶ We are glad to inform you that Marie Lapointe has totally recovered from her illness and after almost two months, received when returning home from work last month.

¶ Edward "Red" J. has informed your reporter that he has not been seen at work at winter sports activities in Lisbon.

¶ Michael has completed a fifty gallon batch of cider and invited his friends to a party for approval. One evening by surprise the boys drove up and much to their disappointment, the cider had been consumed. Mike, have you any surplus of vinegar in your cellar? Don't you expect us to accept your invitation?

¶ The sensational Frank Albert, the All American who plays quarterback for Stanford, is by no means the same Frank Albert who works in the White Finishing Room.

¶ The pictures of Mr. Alfred Michaud, Jr. and Mr. Paul Laliberte, appearing elsewhere in this issue, is the work of our own photographer, Mr. Roland Lacombe.

¶ Martin "Raymond Gram Swing" Norton thinks "Pat" Murtagh will be appointed Captain of the Home Defense Guards.

¶ The following list of employees of this department have contributed 35 or more years of their valuable services:

Kazimierz Kleimanovsky	50 years
Georun Faucher	49 "
John Turner Sr.	38 "
Thomas Joyce	44 "
John Ward	43 "
Robert Perron	41 "
William Asherton	35 "

Alfred Michaud, Jr. was born four years old in February. His father is Alfred Michaud of the White Folding Room of the Lewiston Plant.



These four youngsters are the children of Janet Gagnon, employed in the Blanket Casing Room at Biddford. They are Theresa, Beata, Doris and Olyvia.

PACKING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: William O'Connell.

¶ Ed Quinn, Duke's bad boy, is quite a philanthropist. Ask him how easy it is to get rid of five dollars.

¶ "Bullet" Wade's little "B.B." has clinched a defense spot on the L.H.S. hockey team. Poor Bullet! More frostbitten toes, ears and fingers.

¶ A. Pelletier is still in search of a wife. Told of the fine possibilities in a certain girl he said he didn't like them quite so big and fat.

¶ Russ Holland is still in the news. Latest reports have him trying to shoot off a toe and another has him haunting the shipyards.

¶ O. Goyette denies the rumor he will return to Bath and take charge of the police gang. He is still in the city during the war. Olyvia says: "I'm too old for him. You're a fine one to stay home."

¶ We all wonder why in the world Al "Windy" Houle puts in eight hours a day in the plant. To hear him talk he cleans up at least a couple of hundred weekly on various enterprises.

¶ "Chubby" Hamilton put in a very busy New Year's Eve. With slightly over two thousand young women at the Soldier's Hall "Chubby" claims to have missed kissing less than a hundred of them. Poor girls, what a hangover they must have had in the morning.

¶ Merrill Robbins, our new hand, was given the "tools of ignorance," a truck and a book, and put under the tutelage of Bill Hamilton and "Bum Trucker" Bryant, a couple of able veterans, who promise to make a finished trucker out of the lad.

NAPPING ROOM #2 — Lewiston

REPORTER: Chas. Faulkner.

¶ Roger Turcotte says that the winter sports are in full swing up where he lives, if you have the equipment. Cheer up, Roger, summer will be back again and you will be able to sit on your veranda and enjoy life much cheaper.

¶ Alcide Buette, our expert on cosmetics, is very much pleased with the splendid cooperation that the boys are giving him. You see, all the boys are married in our department. How about some more samples, Mr. Buette?

¶ These modern days everybody follows the style, so Mr. Dumas went and got married. Well, we all wish him the best of luck and much happiness throughout the coming years.

¶ We don't hear much about Bill's fishing trips lately. What's the matter, Bill, are they that stale? Maybe it's the season that doesn't agree with your technique. This summer will tell.

OFFICE — Lewiston

REPORTER: T. J. Anthony.

¶ Geneva Casey is a regular patron of the Lewiston Public Library. She has read everything that is worth reading and probably some that is not.

¶ Melba Field almost enjoyed the holiday at her former home in the northern part of the State. If the boss had said yes she could have had a great time.

¶ Kay Jackson is still receiving compliments on her rendition of "Silent Night" at the office Christmas party.

¶ Margaret Welch has spent a very enjoyable winter on the hills surrounding her Turner estate.

¶ Regies Dennison, who at one time showed promise of becoming a star bowler, is thinking of taking up the sport again. If she does, the maples will certainly take an awful licking.

¶ Uno Harts has spent a busy winter attending Orange meetings. He is a member of Thorne's Corner Grange.

¶ Ted Murphy, who has tried everything else with more or less success, took a fling at hockey last month. He was a member of the Shamrocks, last local ice outfit which held the Derby A.C. to a close 11 to 1 score. Ted did fairly well but, if he had been allowed to wear his skates on the seat of his pants instead of his feet, he would have shown more speed.

DYE HOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: Theo. Cunningham.

¶ Harry Myrick has made a New Year's resolution. To get to work in the morning before the second bell rings.

¶ We did not know until recently that Tony Ward enjoys horseback riding as well as skiing.

¶ Frank Spivey recently raffled off a lug chicken, the proceeds going to the British Red Cross. That's a good cause, Frank.

¶ Frank wishes that he could find a wee drop of Scotch blood in his veins, so he could join the Scottish Clan.

¶ Henry Morth and E. Cloutier claim that they are going to drink nothing but Coca-Cola for the New Year.

¶ E. Prilletier, Bum of the Paddlers, is recovering from his illness, and will be back with us soon.

STOREHOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: Gerald Flynn.

¶ Tom Norton's new 1941 Calendar, entitled the "Lady in Pink" is the finest calendar seen this year.

¶ Bill Long is contemplating exchanging his Plymouth for a new 1924 Maxwell.

P.S. The Maxwell won't have to go very fast to beat the cement mixer he now has.

¶ Nelson Morcan spent the holidays at the Rendezvous on the Main Stem.

¶ Emile Dunil and wife attended the Cercle Canadien New Year's Eve party and missed the twelve o'clock car to Sabbathus. The joys of a commuter.

Jeanette Paul of the Blanket Cloth Room at Biddeford using one of the Overedge Stitching Machines, to which is attached one of the new electric clippers to cut tail ends on the blankets.



Common ways to spread germs. These simple illustrations, drawn by Mr. Bourgeois of Fall River, clearly show how germs are released for others to pick up.

COLORS FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: John McKenna.

¶ Pauline Kenebourn just loves mistletoe. It is said she stood under one all Christmas Eve. But what good did it do, Pauline?

¶ Wanda O'Connell, our latest bride, says married life is great and, according to Wanda, husband Bill has gained three pounds. It must be those great Polish feeds, Bill.

¶ Bill Hamilton, the boy who is looking for girls of higher intellect than the run of mill working girls, has been carrying on his search in some of the more prominent local hot spots. Do you think you will find them there, Bill?

¶ Ernie Frechette and Put Pelchat aren't on very good terms of late. What happened, Put?

¶ Johnny Kenebourn thinks married life is just great of late, as Pauline has gone up on his allowance from twenty-five cents a week to fifty cents.

¶ Margaret Kelly, who we all must admit is the most attractive girl on the night shift in the Colored Room, is seen a lot lately with a certain young man from the Packing Room. They sure make a nice couple.

¶ Helen Taylor, our high diving Queen from Taylor Pond, is seen a lot lately with a stately gentleman. Are those wedding bells I hear, Helen?

DO YOU KNOW?
ACCIDENTS SELDOM HAPPEN,
IF YOU DON'T LET THEM

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Eetha and Rita, the two attractive daughters of Pietro Tallavio, who is a fireman in Mill A at Fall River.



CAN ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Bertrand L. Buzen.*

¶ Romeo Olivier, our "Rip Van Winkle," is now dreaming of a certain girl from an adjoining room. He thinks he goes pretty big there. Boy, what a surprise you are in for when you wake up, Romeo.

¶ We are informed that Omer Legare's pigeon business was increasing tremendously. Good for you, Omer.

¶ Roger Dubois was away from his work on account of a touch of some strange sickness. Isn't love grand, Roger?

¶ Louis O'Connell, the brains of the Can Room, can't understand how this department will run when he and his regiment leave for the South.

¶ To whom it may concern: Frank Coady will not sell all of his swamps on Rosedale Street because he is raising tropical fish in one of them.

¶ George Laberge must be slipping, for he doesn't get as many dates as he used to. Or else the girls are getting wise.

¶ It is said that Johnny Hopkins gets better breaks than the rest of us. For instance, it costs him less money for his haircuts.

¶ Say, John, why don't you use the money you save on haircuts to buy yourself a pair of suspenders and save the wear on your pants?



All the qualifications of a future football star has Norman Perreault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perreault and nephew of Mrs. Eva Lachance, employee of the Sheet-ing Cloth Room at Biddford.

SHEET FACTORY — Lewiston

REPORTERS: *Blanche Sawyer and Olive Ward.*

¶ Ask Lucy where she is going on Monday nights and why.

¶ This ad still runs "Wanted — A young man for an oldish widow." This is her idea and we promised to do our best to help.

¶ Did we hear someone whistling "Where, Oh, Where, Is My Little Dog Gone?" Was it Frank Donovan? Rita says it was.

¶ We did not like the picture of you, Ernest, in the last *Pepperell Sheet*. We are sure ours is better.

¶ Too bad there isn't a real estate sale on Summit Avenue. See all the free advertising it is getting these days, Peggy?

¶ Irene and Millie say they have witnessed a demonstration of perpetual motion. Believe it or not!!

¶ With apologies to "Turpillon." We hope we are right this time. We have it on good authority that this is right. Believe it or not.

¶ Have you bought any chocolates lately, Louis Cyr? If so, we haven't seen you passing any around.

¶ Glad to see you back on the day shift again, Eva Choiniere.

¶ Congratulations were being extended last month to Arthur Berube and John Yakawanis, two of our popular Sheet Factory young men, who became proud daddies. Arthur reported a 10 lb. baby daughter, while John's household was brightened up by the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

¶ They say that Dot Simones has become quite a fancy skater this winter. Dot and her hubby are regular patrons of the local ice rinks.

¶ Florence Belanger, who commutes from Greene each day, is anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring and good roads.

¶ Corinne Lessard and Lena Thomas have been turning in some classy bowling scores lately. Especially Corinne, who has developed her own individual style on the alleys.

¶ Irene Cunningham is an ardent movie fan. She takes in all the feature pictures and is usually accompanied by big brother Tom.

¶ Marthe Grenier is a great booster for a certain Lisbon Street candy store. She says they have the best of everything.

¶ Elizabeth Hagerly, one of our veteran stitchers, performed a combination Rhumba, Tango and Charleston while coming down Bleachery Hill one recent slippery morning.

¶ Fern Cloutier has been getting in her share of winter sports this winter.

¶ Katherine Duddie sure likes her spaghetti. You would think so if you saw her consume huge quantities of this highly delectable dish at a recent lunch period.

¶ Thelma Higgins is one of our most able automobile drivers. She has been motoring back and forth from South Lewiston for many moons and has never yet run into difficulty.

¶ Visitors in our department have been known to sympathize with Denis Callahan when they thought he was suffering from a toothache, but we all know that it is just good old R.I.



This picture was taken about nine years ago when the Jack Twister frames were in Room 11-3. Most of the girls are operating frames in 15-5 today. Left to right: Angelina Turgeon, Edna Anton, Laura Belanger, Eva Adams, Emma Carr and Blanche Provost.

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"FIRESIDE CHAT" *(Continued from inside Front Cover)*

human power that turns out the destroyers, and the planes and the tanks.

The nation expects our defense industries to continue operation without interruption by strikes or lock-outs. It expects and insists that management and workers will reconcile their differences by voluntary or legal means, to continue to produce the supplies that are so sorely needed.

And on the economic side of our great defense program, we are, as you know, bending every effort to maintain stability of prices and with that the stability of the cost of living.

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Nine days ago I announced the setting up of a more effective organization to direct our gigantic efforts to increase the production of munitions. The appropriation of vast sums of money and a well co-ordinated executive direction of our defense efforts are not in themselves enough. Guns, planes, ships and many other things have to be built in the factories and arsenals of America. They have to be produced by workers and managers and engineers with the aid of machines which in turn have to be built by hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the land.

In this great work there has been splendid co-operation between the Government and industry and labor. And I am very thankful."

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THEY'RE WORTH MORE TO YOU THAN A TIN CUP EVER COULD BE.
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is very obvious that the thing to do is wear these shields and goggles as a necessary precaution against eye injuries.

A glass eye costs but a few dollars, but — you can't see with it. No power on earth can replace your vision when once destroyed. We cannot impress you too deeply with the importance of wearing eye protection.

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A shield no matter how small the job.
A shield that has been provided for you.
A shield to protect yourself and your family.*